

**Town of Harpswell
Solid Waste Committee**

Minutes of meeting November 18, 2008, 3:00PM at Harpswell Town Office

Attending: Prescott McCurdy, Fred Cantu, Spike Haible

Absent: Anita Veillieux, Hank Schwartz

Welcomed Fred Cantu as new member representing Strawberry Creek Recycling Center. Noted small number of committee members and agreed to scout for additional members.

Committee reviewed its analysis to date on potential changes to recycling structure, including single stream recycling and pay-per-bag trash collection.

Fred C. reviewed his conversations with former SCRC director Jim Gordon regarding single stream and pay-per-bag, and then presented his own estimate of savings/costs of single stream vs. current SCRC recycling set-up. Pay-per-bag also discussed briefly but no figures reviewed.

Discussed relative merits of EcoMaine vs. Casella single stream and non-recyclable (MSW) material disposal costs. Agreed that Fred and committee members should visit other towns in EcoMaine system to gather more information.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 2, 2008, 4PM, town office.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

Minutes by Spike Haible